

Thank the participants for taking time to learn more about the investment opportunities in Mississippi.

- Never a better time to invest in Mississippi
- You can do well and do good.

We have made great progress on recovery

- 98% of this debris has been removed
- Building permits increase 90% per month since November
- Major employers became fully operational in the fall
- Seven of 12 casinos will be open within one year
- Our people are back - 6 Coastal counties at 98% of pre-Katrina population

Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005

- Federal legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in December
- Provides Federal Tax Incentives for areas affected by Hurricane Katrina
- More than Half the State Eligible

Pre-Katrina Economic Development Reforms

- Realigned incentives to encourage higher paying jobs in growing sectors
- Enacted what The Wall Street Journal called the most comprehensive tort reform in the country
- Overhauled workforce training program
- No new taxes
- DEQ is very responsive to business

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- Recovery is under way
- People are ready
- Reinvestment is growing rapidly
- GO Zone and Pre-Katrina Reforms